

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Elaine Whitney Chair
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Michael Gordon Secretary
Brett Aronow
Karen Kleine

Administrators Present:

Elliott Landon Superintendent of Schools
Elio Longo Director of School Business Operations
Marge Cion Director of Human Resources

Absent:

Mark Mathias

CALL TO ORDER: 7:32 p.m in Town Hall, Room 307.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Discussion and Possible Action on a Projected Shortfall in the Health Insurance Fund and Expenses Account for the Current Fiscal Year

MOVED:

That the Board of Education acknowledges a projected shortfall in the health insurance fund and expenses account for the current fiscal year due to underfunding, and

FURTHER MOVED:

That the Board retain the services of an auditing firm to conduct an independent audit of the health insurance fund and expenses account to confirm the amount of the shortfall, to determine the cause of the shortfall, and to make recommendations for the future, and

FURTHER MOVED:

That the Board authorizes its Chair to discuss this matter on its behalf with the Board of Finance and RTM and to request on its behalf that the Board of Finance recommend to the RTM that it promptly make a supplemental appropriation to the Board of Education in the amount of the projected shortfall of the current fiscal year.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Michael Gordon

Motion to amend the motion to change "current" to "2013-14"

MOTION: Brett Aronow
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: 5-0
VOTE: Unanimous

Motion to amend the motion to add after the word "shortfall" the words "in the health insurance fund and expenses account."

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: 5-0
VOTE: Unanimous

The final wording of the resolution is:

That the Board of Education acknowledges a projected shortfall in the health insurance fund and expenses account for the current fiscal year due to underfunding, and

That the Board retain the services of an auditing firm to conduct an independent audit of the health insurance fund and expenses account to confirm the amount of the shortfall, to determine the cause of the shortfall in the health insurance fund and expenses account, and to make recommendations for the future, and

That the Board authorizes its Chair to discuss this matter on its behalf with the Board of Finance and RTM and to request on its behalf that the Board of Finance recommend to the RTM that it promptly make a supplemental appropriation to the Board of Education in the amount of the projected shortfall in the health insurance fund and expenses account for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

RESULT: 5-0
VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)